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  -CARTER V.S FORD

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cbs news continues its coverage of campaign [Music] 76. election night from cbs news election headquarters in new york this portion is sponsored by the fine wines of ernest and julia gallo you can taste the excellence here again is walter cronkite united press international one of the nation's two major news services has just declared carter the winner of the presidency tonight we do not have any details as to how they put together their calculations to put carter across tonight we still show him needing nine electoral votes on the basis of our cbs news estimates and on the basis of the actual returns from all of the critical states however upi says carter has won gentlemen of the regions and lady of the regions how does it look to you at 3 00 a.m on this morning after uh america went to the polls what would your best guess be of the way this thing is going to come out would you have a guest mike roger dan leslie mike it would seem it would seem impossible for jimmy carter to lose it at this moment we've just received word however that 15 minutes ago the court papers were served and the empowerment will take over the state of new york now as you mentioned a little earlier i think it was ron nessen said that it was in the middle of the afternoon that somebody in the republican party somebody in the white house was notified that apparently some shenanigans were perceived as going on in uh new york state with voting machines that could hold the thing up for who

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that could hold the thing up for who knows how long was it it was a new york lawyer i think patrano something like that his name works for the republican committee right who apparently called the white house and said he had some evidence or had some feeling that there was tampering with the machine they must have had a pretty good idea that it was going to come down this close and that indeed president ford stood a chance of winning which was a big surprise in new york state at that moment so that i think would be uh foolhardy at this moment to suggest that it's as in the bag as it looked when they were just three votes away roger any uh pertinent thoughts on that well i think i still think carter's going to win i uh kept looking at the 261 is is not really that far away from 270 um and i think of the state's left that i think he's going to make it uh just the play is over with rather in the midwest and any one of those breaking or even hawaii it's three o'clock now 3 30. i i think that uh i think he's going to win that sounds well hawaii's unsupported but uh it seems to me that uh with uh with this many states out and with the potential for a carter victory in any combination of two small ones or one large one i think that uh that the carter's got it and the whole thing about new york and the impoundment i think that seems that sounds diversionary to me i'm not sure that's a serious uh obstacle

to carter winning the willingness of the presidency usually with the sort of margin uh that there is in new york even though it's a percentage margin of small the number of ballots involved are quite large it would take quite a turnover of numbers at this moment yeah that's that's not that's not the kind of numbers that you turn over uh enough to make uh that big a difference even with a recount usually dan what what is your thought you you've got any uh are you willing to make an estimate of

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are you willing to make an estimate of this hour well certainly if you're going to bet the form if you have any gambling money you'd bet on carter there's no question about it but the probability is high that carter is going to win however if you had to bet the family farm or the house trader you certainly wouldn't wager it because it's not a sure thing illinois to me walter is the place to watch any time an election gets down this close mayor richard daley in chicago is as dangerous as a hunting leopard he has been quoted as telling walter mondale that illinois will go on the democratic column dick daley is not in the habit of telling vice presidential candidates that unless he can deliver now it may be that he can't but i would say right now if you're a carter person and looking for the state that's going to do it illinois may turn out to be that state and you've got 26 electoral votes there and so even allowing for some mistakes in our estimates 26 big electoral votes in illinois would just about do it now governor james rose republican in ohio is another vein very dangerous cat uh in this kind of very close election situation ohio so close it could go either way in illinois carter would seem to have a better chance than he does in ohio considering that both of them are almost dead even in that carter continues to show doing well in the southern part of illinois which i explained earlier is very much southern oriented culturally and religiously they like carter down there he's done very well it's a part of illinois that has traditionally gone republican so carter has i think his best chance to put it over the top and to breathe easily by dick daley being as good as his word and delivering in illinois but i do think walter it's very important that we say uh here seven minutes past three in the east that it's still possible for gerald ford to win it of course mayor daley has had some rather rude upsets in the last few years dan walker he certainly wanted to defeat a few years ago as a governor he got a real shot tonight michael hallett ran like a dry creek in

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michael hallett ran like a dry creek in illinois he was daley's hand-picked candidate one time was supposed to be called a dream candidate turned out to be a nightmare james thompson the republican gubernatorial candidate uh rolled over by near record proportions but daley did much better for carter in chicago than he did for for michael hallett and as i say that may yet turn out to be the difference accidentally we've got more on that upi uh story uh they're saying that jimmy carter has won the presidency and they're putting it on the basis of mississippi being in his column uh with our calculation even that wouldn't put him across all the way it would leave him a couple of electoral votes short but according to upi tabulation apparently mississippi does it and upi is out saying that jimmy carter will be the next president of the united states uh leslie what do you think is going to happen are you you've got any doubts that it's carter now or i really don't have any doubts that it's carter to tell you the truth i've been afraid all night that the west was going to be a total afterthought and that we were going to call the election much earlier than this and i would be sitting here saying oh well look how terrifically the president is doing in wyoming and how wonderful he's done in idaho and he's held on remarkably well and it's pretty late but i still think that jimmy carter has it let me tell you one thing walter we're now showing that president ford and and maybe this is an afterthought as i feared uh president ford is now leading in nevada uh according to our estimate uh he's leading there now with 51 percent of the vote he's also ahead although we haven't called it in hawaii and if you uh no i'm sorry carter's ahead in hawaii if you put the hawaii vote together which we haven't called yet but if you do put that together with mississippi i think you have to say he has it but again as an afterthought let me talk for a minute about california where cbs news says it is still too close to call people that i talk to in california say that jimmy carter cannot win that state unless he gets 55 percent of the vote out of the liberal democratic area

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out of the liberal democratic area around san francisco and according to our latest figures jimmy carter is only getting 52 percent of the vote so president ford has a chance to carry california but that may just not do it foreign water mostly we just got more on the upi story and they put hawaii in carter's column now that's where their votes come from the electoral votes to make them believe that carter is the next president of hawaii in mississippi i think we would agree that uh that that's very close in both of those states you uh say it for hawaii roger says it for mississippi so if you uh move on with that conclusion uh you could get uh carter across as the upi has cbs news coverage of election 76 will continue in a moment the all-american hot dog the ever-popular frankfurter is but one of hundreds of food products provided by swift foods swift is part of smart an american family of companies which also provides fertilizers to make more food available energy to keep the wheels turning and consumer products from playtex smart providing over five billion dollars worth of needed products annually for you and your world you've got your standards everything you do has to meet them you won't compromise lincoln continental hasn't compromised full-size full luxury it sets a high standard for luxury cars some luxury cars are smaller than last year the 1977 lincoln retains its traditional luxury car size why do you like the lincoln continental i've got my standards 1977 lincoln continental a standard by which luxury cars are judged when someone makes a statement you don't agree with there's a good way to talk back and in conclusion as i'm sure you'll all

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and in conclusion as i'm sure you'll all agree we'll go on to the hello western union i want to send a mail grant about your stand on top mailgram is flashed electronically to a post office near the addressee for delivery with the next business day's mail a mailgram has the impact of a telegram at a fraction of the cost they don't agree [Music] the los angeles times reported on gallo chablis blanc brilliant white wine worth twice the price harry wah in diary of a wine taster good color a pleasant fragrant bouquet an attractive flavor newsday reported gallo makes an excellent chablis blanc that is an outstanding value try it judge it enjoy it taste the excellence ernest and giulio gallows california chubbly blanc [Music] 83 percent of the precincts are counted across the country carter's holding on to that 51 to 48 percent lead and in those critical states it looks like this right at the moment in maine for instance something along the order of 93 percent of the precincts have been counted and it's still 49 to 49 with mccarthy two percent how about that in mississippi the figures in mississippi show 91 carter holding on to a 50 to 49 percent leave oklahoma in oklahoma 98 percent of the vote counted and it's 50 49 and 1 with ford in a bare lead there in virginia 99 in a 2 spread forward 51 in carter 49 illinois 85 and 450 carter 49 mccarthy one iowa 99

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iowa 99 ford 50 carter 49 mccarthy one ohio 93 percent ford and carter a push at 49 percent third party candidates sharing the other two percent of the vote there in the state of california now 43 percent carter holding on to a one percent lead 50 to 49 maddox has the one percent margin there hawaii 99 in according to this tabulation carter 51 ford 49 and i'm not sure that's really 99 of the precincts counted in the total vote as yet but anyway it's a very close race in hawaii and too close to call at the moment in washington state 69 percent of the vote in and forward stretching out to a 50 47 percent lead although that's not really a stretch the last figure we have there was forward with 51 percent carter closing the gap a little bit in washington state that's how close it is across the nation in these outstanding 15 states that are still we're waiting to be able to call there's been a lot of political scandals this year as you know bruce morton looks at how the candidates touched by those scandals did in the voting yesterday older what we found are some very mixed results indeed there doesn't seem to be any firm rule for what charges of sexual escapades or corruption don't do to a political campaign some candidates were hurt by those charges some won anyway in maryland jay glenn bell lost his senate seat probably in part at least because of the charges involving the undisclosed campaign contributions from the nixon organization he had when he first ran for the senate six years ago william brock lost in tennessee the charge there was that he really hadn't put all of his holdings in a genuinely blind trust vance hartke over the years the target of an assortment of corruption charges lost his seat in indiana

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lost his seat in indiana joseph montoya who headed a committee overseeing the internal revenue service at a time when the irs held up an audit of montoya's taxes he lost his senate seat from new mexico congressman henry halstowski of new jersey who's expected to stand trial on bribery charges soon lost his seat but robert sykes of florida won despite being reprimanded by the house ethics committee over conflict of interest charges joe wagoner of louisiana won despite a charge that he solicited sex from a washington d.c police decoy james jones of oklahoma who pleaded guilty to a campaign finance law misdemeanor won his seat back mendel davis of south carolina who at wayne hayes request hired elizabeth ray one so i don't know walter the trend desk discover is no real trend in all of this the moral may be it isn't so much what you do it's when and where you do it walter try to keep that in mind bruce if you were looking in our direction let's take a look now at the total vote across the country and all of the races 83 of the precincts are in carter holding as he has since for about five hours since uh just before 10 o'clock tonight it's been 51 for carter 48 for ford in the popular vote count but as you know it's not the popular vote across the country that counts it's a popular vote in each of the states that win the electoral votes state by state and there president ford has 109 electoral votes carter has 261 he needs nine more ford has one in the states showing on our map here that solid block out in the mountain and northern plains estates and then the beginning in the sunny southwest and also has taken some important states in the middle west and in the northeast the total states for him indiana connecticut kansas new hampshire nebraska colorado vermont montana utah wyoming idaho north dakota arizona new jersey

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idaho north dakota arizona new jersey and his home state of michigan jimmy carter has won his 261 electoral votes in these states he took the south almost solidly although we haven't yet been able to put the mississippi in his column nor virginia those are still yet to be to yet to fall with almost all the vote in and both of them it's too close to call he's also one in texas which is a very important state was for him pennsylvania he won in in massachusetts new york and wisconsin he also won in kentucky alabama georgia south carolina north carolina west virginia the district of columbia tennessee arkansas delaware rhode island louisiana maryland minnesota florida wisconsin as we said and in missouri which was important to him as well in the senate races there were 33 seats up as you know and all but four of those have been decided now the democrats won 19 the republicans 10. the republicans took six seats away from the democrats the democrats took four from the republicans so there's a net gain of two for the republicans there hadn't been any change in that for the last couple of hours the republicans took seats from democratic incumbents in indiana new mexico utah and wyoming they took two seats which were opened by virtue of retirement of democratic senators and the democrats took seats from republican incumbents in new york maryland and tennessee in the gubernatorial races 14 state houses were up this year and eight of those were held by democrats six by republicans the democrats have won in eight states and the republicans in four but not the same states they held before undecided still two state houses the republicans actually gained two states from the democrats the

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gained two states from the democrats the democrats however took three states from the from the republicans so the democrats have a net gain in the gubernatorial races of one where they put those together the democrats took republican seats in north carolina in washington and in west virginia where jay rockefeller won and in washington where a woman will be the governor dixie lee ray the former atomic energy commission chairman and the republicans took incumbent to seats from the democrats in delaware and in illinois a big win in illinois for big jim thompson the republican candidate there against mayor daley's candidate michael howlett in the house races there are 435 that's all the seats in the house that were up again there are only 13 of them still outstanding democrats have won or are leading for 283 of those seats republicans for 139 and our estimate is that when all of the votes have been tabulated and the final returns are in on the house races the democrats will have the same percentage of seats the same number of seats as they have now 290 the republicans 145 give or take the six seats one way or the other richard wagner is at the headquarters of the republican candidate for the senate in california essai hayakawa his headquarters

watching that very tight california senate race come in dick while they're here at the hayakawa headquarters there was a considerable optimism when the first returns came in absentee ballot showing uh dr sam hayakawa leaping out to an early lead however the latest figures that have come in roughly a quarter of the precincts in this state in show that senator tunney has taken a very slight lead over dr hayakawa he came down and spoke to

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dr hayakawa he came down and spoke to the crowd he said it's a little early to claim victory and certainly too early to even talk about defeat he said he'd be back later when maybe 50 or 75 percent of the vote was in and then he hoped to be able to claim a victory it looks like uh you're uh m.c for tony orlando and dawn there tonight headquarters there's not even really that much optimism from senator tony as he addressed the uh assembled few and there are a few at this hour in california here as uh they wait for the returns he uh just said uh he would hope and uh and watch and listen it's really in california as much of a cliffhanger for the senate seat as it is nationally for the presidency my dick will be watching of course that california senate race as we're watching the presidential returns from california which are critical of course to the chances for either one of these men ford's got to carry it now he's got to carry practically all of the remaining states that are outstanding and then with 46 percent of the vote in on the presidential race in california now uh carter is holding on to a one percent margin uh 47 percent of the vote in as we say the precinct's in 49 of the vote for ford one percent for lester maddox so there's a state there that one in california where another third party candidate the american independent party candidate lester maddox taking votes away from president ford it is assumed may be tilting the balance as well the vote count continues from those outstanding states the nevada forward is leading but it's much too close to call now with almost all the votes in and illinois ohio iowa mississippi south dakota new

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ohio iowa mississippi south dakota new mexico california virginia washington oklahoma oregon hawaii and alaska all of those outstanding alaska looks like it's going pretty well for president ford the rest of those are much too close at the moment the daily news a little earlier on we said had printed up carter wins headlines and they were getting ready to distribute them when they held back we understand they're still holding back maybe with the upi now calling carter's victory the daily news will be releasing that big pile of carter wins newspapers they're all stacked up on the loading dock out there on 41st street in new york ready to go into the trucks but the news hasn't put them out yet we're told this is water crime guide at cbs news election headquarters [Applause] this is the end of the long long trail for our correspondents as well those who have been on those thousands upon thousands of miles of campaigning with the candidates ed bradley has been with the carter campaign ever since carter had the nomination locked up and he's just been up i understand under the carter family suite down there in atlanta ed what's the mood like up there at the moment well walter i'd like to first of all make one small correction it wasn't in the carter family suite at all the security there is a is extremely tight and we were not able to uh to gain entrance to governor suite in fact to uh in order to come down here in the motor lobby the hotel we had to have the secret service press agent john cooney bring us down we have been in the uh carter staff headquarters on the 15th floor just around the corner from the the family suite and the move there walters is basically the same as it's been throughout this entire campaign they are confident but you're seeing something that we started to see when the the carter lead

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started to see when the the carter lead in the polls started to diminish particularly in the last few weeks it was a note of caution a touch of apprehension but still that air of confidence one of governor carter's aides who at one time was a washington attorney said earlier this evening it's like sweating out a jury after you know you you've made as a lawyer a good presentation that the the facts and the evidence is on your side and that you should have a victory and all of a sudden the the jury is out deliberating three or four hours and then another very high aid to governor carter said and then it's like they take a break for dinner and you just have to wait

and sweat it out they uh they feel as they have all along that they are going to win this and the reason is that they felt that for president ford to win everything had to break just right for him he had to win in almost every critical state and now as we go down to the wire with those uh those close races particularly in the midwest they feel the same way there are so many states that could put jimmy carter over the top you have the four votes in hawaii you have the race in illinois you have ohio you have mississippi and i i get the feeling that they think that mississippi will put them over the top there's a lot of concern about mississippi and they're very confident at this point that mississippi will put them over the top but as i said in in summarizing that that they feel that they will win because president ford has to win in every area walter uh and uh have they made any comments about the mccarthy uh vote uh in any of these states yet have they paid any attention to that uh matter either as it developed or tonight well there there is concern uh in a point that bill moyers made in talking about the mccarthy uh mccarthy vote earlier bill morris said it's not how many votes you get it's where you get those votes and in some states they feel that that mccarthy vote could have hurt them one where it didn't they they did not expect to get wisconsin they were very surprised that they did get that win there because of the

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get that win there because of the mccarthy vote there they had conceded wisconsin to president ford so they were very happy to get the the vote in wisconsin one interesting point walters that the the carter polls have been extremely accurate uh at least to what we have now uh as of sunday uh their prediction their projection rather was uh 51 48 and one and that's just the way it looks now ed uh i've seen a couple of news uh wire dispatches tonight saying that carter has been spending part of the evening talking transition already do you get a confirmation of that there it would seem a little early to be discussing that isn't it well we haven't had any confirmation of that that that's what's taking place in his suite we do know that on the way up from plains in a very short flight that governor carter did make a few comments to to reporters on the plane about his plans after the election he said he would spend three or four days a week during the period between now and the inauguration three or four days a week in washington and the rest of that time in plains and as i'm told as he walked away uh towards the front of the plane he turned around he said of course that's uh if we win where does he expect to set those headquarters up in washington do you know walter i really don't know i have no idea where he would set them up the uh for you ed as well as for the candidate you've been covering jimmy carter this is the end of the campaign trail quite clearly you've got some work still ahead of you i gather that jimmy carter's staff estimates it's been 15 000 miles something like that since the convention for him it's been and i can hardly believe this figure but he says 465 000 miles since january of 75 in this 22-month uh pursuit of the presidency that's that's an awful lot of travel it is and uh you know they've documented it the the miles he's traveled the

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it the the miles he's traveled the number of speeches that he made the number of cities that he visited and the miles almost a half million miles and the thing with that it sounds amazing but i think we think in terms of a fall campaign and then a primary campaign that runs the better part of a year but we have to keep in mind that jimmy carter has been campaigning full-time for almost two years and that's how he accumulated so many miles and now ed we've got hawaii cbs news estimate of the final returns in hawaii will be that jimmy carter will take hawaii with 51 percent of the votes hawaii total of now gives him another four electoral votes puts him at 265 electoral votes and that is five votes short of the 270 he needs this is walter cronkite at cbs news election headquarters this week a very special two-hour waltons i wish we didn't have to wait i wish we could get married right this minute what are you gonna do about it wedding bells ring on walton's mountain thursday at 8 7 central on cbs seconds

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cbs news continues its coverage of campaign 76. election night from cbs news election headquarters in new york here again is walter cronkite i'm very tired president ford we have been told is still watching the returns of thinking seriously about turning in for the night and we may be hearing very shortly that he has given up the vigil on this night and has turned in with the 85 percent of the vote he still is trailing as he has been for most of the evening 51 to 48 percent one percent of the vote being held by eugene mccarthy barely over a half a million out of some 70 almost 70 million votes let's see it's 66 yes 68 just about 70 million votes and mccarthy has just barely over a half a million of them but as we have been watching and learning uh he holds a balance of power in several states tonight with just one or two percent of the vote the electoral vote president ford 109 and jimmy carter 265 five short of the 270 he needs well we're still coming down to the wire with uh with still a total of now 14

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with still a total of now 14 states outstanding now that we've put hawaii in carter's column the the republican candidate president ford leads in nevada but all the rest are too close to call at this hour i wonder what our regional correspondents i think was the biggest surprise tonight in each of their uh areas mike new york state beyond the shadow of a doubt and when i say new york state i mean gerald ford's run in new york state pat moynihan beat jim buckley 54-46 with 95 percent of new york's votes counted now gerald ford is only trailing jimmy carter 51 to 49 and that's considerably better than anybody had given him a shot going in and the cbs news estimate is that he's going to wind up with 52 carter will the 48 percent out of the east it seems to me that's got to be a huge surprise for gerald ford after all he's the man you talk about the daily news and he didn't say it but the daily news did gerald ford to new york dropped dead and for gerald ford to come back with that kind of a showing under those circumstances has got to be judged an extraordinary surprise roger what's your big surprise inside well i suppose walter uh the success that the ford people had in uh portraying uh jimmy carter as a as a liberal and just looking at the percentages uh in the south only in georgia and in arkansas did carter get more than uh 60 of course that's an enormous uh that's you know an avalanche not just a landslide but in all the other southern states with a few exceptions it's a fairly tight uh it's it's it's within manageable proportions for ford 52 53 so while the south was

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for ford 52 53 so while the south was uh was relatively solid the the majorities that carter uh ran up in those southern states was not quite as uh as overpowering as i had thought i have another surprise and that's that no one agrees with me that that carter now has 272 electoral votes uh what are you doing giving those mississippi votes too yeah i think i think i think there's no way we can can deny i don't mean deny that's the wrong word but no way we can we can keep that state off of uh carter's list you might be interested to know roger that everybody else agrees with you practically all the press services other networks i gather but but we're uh hyper cautious around here i think we can go beyond super cautious to hyper cautious and uh and we believe that we don't have the figures yet for mississippi when we get them we'll uh be sure and let you know roger so you can announce it to the world uh dan what about your surprises tonight well first of all walter one mild surprise if we can have our friends uh bill linden and bill crawford put up the board for ohio for the first time in many many hours you're talking about very few votes but in ohio jimmy carter has slipped into an ever so slight lead now this is the actual tabulated vote 95 percent of the precincts reporting tabulated vote as you see uh carter 1 million 909 thousand and 400 some odd votes forward one million nine hundred eight thousand one hundred and eighty two votes and while the percentages stay 49 each carter has inched ever so slightly ahead that does not mean that we think carter is going to carry ohio it may or may not turn out to be significant it is the first time as to say in several hours that carter has had the tabulated vote lead in ohio other surprises of the night wisconsin has to go down as one was a must-win state

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must-win state gerald ford melvin laird only napoleon coming out of russia could look any sadder than melvin laird tonight because melvin laird worked so hard to carry that state for gerald ford they thought they had it they believed they had to have it and they lost it mccarthy wasn't a large factor in wisconsin another surprise also iowa and is has to be called a surprise that generally was regarded a state that gerald ford would carry easily as of this moment he has not carried although ford is leading with 99 of the precincts reporting uh by a very thin mark genova carter in iowa we have to say that i was surprised because most of the ford people thought that they would carry iowa rather handily south dakota another surprise another state that was widely believed to be uh very solidly in the ford corner hasn't turned out that way again ford is holding to a narrow margin in south dakota but he has not yet won it biggest surprise of the night for me personally walter has to be that governor's race in missouri christopher kippon the 38-year-old wonder kind of missouri politics looking forward to running for president someday himself ran into a buzz saw by the name of joseph teasdale and while we cannot say that teasdale has won it with 92 percent of the precincts reporting teasdale is clinging to a lead and it may very well be that he has upset kit bond we'll simply have to wait and see but however it turns out you have to say that that is the most uh stunning surprise in the midwest one other thing walter i don't think we've mentioned is that martha keys won her congressional race in kansas the only reason that might be of some special interest you may recall that martha keys congress person from kansas married andy jacobs a congressperson from indiana there were some who thought that it might beat one or both of them it turns out andy jacobs won his seat won re-election in indiana and martha keys also won the election in kansas so marriage didn't hurt anybody in that thing dan tell us quickly before we hear from leslie on her

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leslie on her big surprise of the evening how the ohio senate race is going between metzenbaum and taft all right this very very close metzenbaum has been clinging to a lead metzenbaum's lead over taft if we can get up the board there and uh show medicine bob's lead over taft has been rather consistent but not enough for us to say that he has won 95 percent of the precincts in and counted medicine bomb 52 percent to have 48 percent now metzenbaum is running ahead of carter in ohio and the difference has uh been mccarthy but again that medicine bomb taff race is too close for us to call at the moment husley you're a big surprise tonight well i have two surprises well i have three surprises i'm surprised that i'm still able to give you results in it and i'm surprised it may still matter in oregon we have a mini surprise because uh we first thought that carter was going to win that race and now according to ap the ap associated press in portland it looks as though ford may be winning that race and the surprise is that the difference is eugene mccarthy who according to our tabulated vote anyway is getting 4 percent of the vote and it's believed that most of that vote is coming from jimmy carter it's hard to say for sure but we believe it is and that's somewhat of a surprise mccarthy did win the 1968 primary against bobby kennedy in oregon and people did have a history of voting for him and that may be why he's winning taking so many votes in that statement that's not the big surprise a big surprise in the west is that seniority has gone down to defeat incumbency has been defeated in many cases by non-politicians by total unknowns people who tried to capitalize on the fact that they had absolutely no experience in politics perhaps it's not a surprise in light of watergate and what that taught us about experience particularly in the state of wyoming where gail mcgee was thought to be pretty safe he has been defeated there by malcolm wallop who did have some experience he was a state

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did have some experience he was a state senator but nevertheless compared to gail mcgee and unknown and wallop ran against washington and frank moss was defeated in utah by a conservative republican who had never run for office before and joseph montoya was defeated in new mexico by an astronaut harrison schmidt a former astronaut who had never run for office before so i think there's a little bit of surprise there walter that so many veteran democrats have gone down to defeat in the west reuters the primarily british news agency has now joined the united press in also saying that mississippi has pushed jimmy carter over the top and that jimmy carter will be the next president of the united states cbs news coverage of election 76 will continue in a moment [Music] see these new ford mercury and lincoln cars you can't tell by looking but

this is the year ford motor company's done more to make their cars rust resistant than they've ever done before it's true because cars don't lie the first thing they're using new rust resistant zinc metal steel lots of it because rust hates it yeah in places where salt and mud like to hide and eat away at metal on go vinyl sealer a lot of bodies get dunked in a tub of primer paint body gets a positive charge pink gets a negative charge zap paint grabs metal and hangs on see these little holes there to poke wands in to spray aluminized wax then it all gets three coats of tough acrylic enamel now the rust-proof car hadn't been built yet by anybody but this year ford motor companies done more to make their cars rust resistant than they've ever done before it's simple ford wants to be a car company how many wash loads do you do every week

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how many wash loads do you do every week six eight more if you do a lot of washing you need a tough washer and dryer like this hot point pair the washer has a hefty motor and a pump that resists clogging it handles everything from thick shaggy rugs to my best lingerie hot point it's a lot of washer and dryer for people who do a lot of wash and all hot point appliances are backed by customer care everywhere service cross your heart bras one of many popular products from playtex known and used by women the world over plaintext is part of smart an american family of companies which also provides nourishing food products from sweat fertilizers to make more food available and energy to keep the wheels turning smart providing over five billion dollars worth of needed products annually for you and your world the associated press has now joined upi and reuters in saying that jimmy carter has won the presidency in this the 48th the presidential election these 200 years of the united states history since our battle our declaration of independence incidentally uh eugene mccarthy holding that balance in several critical states uh has is playing the game just about true to mr center former senator mccarthy's brother fay form he arrived in washington tonight from the west coast was passed almost unnoticed through the washington airport met by a handful of correspondents and said he would have nothing to say to them tonight and presumably i went to his apartment in washington senator mccarthy is now working with a publisher he lists himself as a teacher and professor which he also does some of and writes very well political books and poetry

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political books and poetry 87 percent of the vote is in now carter has as he has had for so long tonight 51 percent of the vote to 48 percent of the vote before president ford and one percent of the vote for senator mccarthy the electoral account as we have it here at cbs on the basis of our estimates president ford 109 jimmy carter 265 with carter according to our estimates still needing five electoral votes to win he could get that with mississippi which is almost in uh it has seven electoral votes and that could do the job for him mississippi has been declared in the carter column by most of the other news services but we don't quite see it that way yet here proposals to restrict the control of nuclear power plants were on the ballot in some five or six states they were defeated those proposals by narrow margins or rather by wide margins excuse me in ohio oregon colorado and arizona returns are still out on similar proposals in several other states the issue of nuclear safety was hotly debated in many of these states the industry widely advertised to try to prevent those constitutional amendments from passing apparently successful in several of the states by a wide margin atlantic city as we reported earlier is now being called the las vegas of the east and here we are the report from mississippi cbs news estimate that jimmy carter has won in mississippi 51 to 49 percent uh we believe the final returns will be in that according to now our cbs news estimate puts jimmy carter over the top to be the next president of the united states he is the president-elect tonight he now has a 272 electoral votes to 109 for president

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electoral votes to 109 for president ford president ford who came to power by appointment to the vice presidency and then with the resignation of of president nixon failed in his bid to be an elected president of the united states he made it very close in the popular vote across this nation very close indeed it's 51 to 48 percent with 87 percent of the national vote counted but as has happened in earlier times than in previous

elections the electoral vote wasn't there for him he didn't carry the big states he needed he carried a lot of states however a lot more than uh usual in these cases of the losing president and the electoral college but they were all by the for the most part the little ones the biggest state he's carried so far is michigan his home state with 21 electoral votes he carried new jersey with 17 electoral votes in indiana with 13 all of the other states he carried were states in the one-digit numbers connecticut and kansas and new hampshire nebraska colorado vermont montana utah wyoming idaho north dakota arizona ed rabel is at the carter headquarters and ed it doesn't look like you've got many people around there for the victory celebration walter this southern crowd what's left of it though is ecstatic over what has happened they've waited a long time for this moment when one of their own has been elected president of the united states many of them of course all of them supporters of jimmy carter many of them worked for him in the campaign forming so-called peanut brigades going into various parts of the country the southern accents going north into new hampshire maine and elsewhere and now they're here to welcome their hero who should be here along with his family any moment now they're shouting we want carter we're singing happy days are here again

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[Music] okay [Music] many of them are standing on tabletops waiting for the governor and his family to come in president-elect now [Applause] the music is being provided by bluegrass musicians gary and terry who played in the governor's primary campaign and also in the general campaign there is dancing going on out here [Music] banners waving [Music] foreign [Music] is [Music]

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we understand that governor carter has been in a holding room here at the convention center for quite a while and all the eyes are riveted on uh and opening a door and one part of this great hall waiting for the governor and his family and his aides to make their appearance he'll walk down a chute about 35 to 40 yards to a podium and then address the crowd people are still standing cheering standing on tabletops on chairs trying to get a first glimpse of the governor as he walks in [Music] oh [Music] oh [Music] is [Music] [Applause] tell them we owned them

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i guess we're still waiting for uh your man there and it looks like he may appear at any moment might be noted that uh president ford president uh carter when he is inaugurated will be the 39th president of the united states the first from georgia i think you've made note of that said others have he'll be the 14th president from the south that is a native of a southern state that includes dwight eisenhower who was a native of texas but really didn't live there very much and there haven't been many of those in modern times lyndon johnson of course from texas he'll be the fifth who was a southern governor although there hadn't been one of those since andrew johnson uh he will be the 14th who was a state governor he'll be the youngest president at 52 since uh john fitzgerald kennedy was 43 be the third baptist arding and truman were baptists you'll be the seventh farmer planter or rancher to be present but not one of those occupations since the civil war not as a principal occupation anyway maybe the 11th his mother has lived to see him elected president of the united states this is walter cronkite at cbs news election headquarters [Applause] we're waiting for uh president-elect james earl carter uh junior to appear at his victory celebration in atlanta we'll go there as soon as it uh as he appears there meanwhile eric severide and bill moyers have some thoughts on this new president of ours walter candidate ford started at the top and candidate carter started the bottom candidate carter has won he's done nearly all of this himself i would think that rarely in these

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i would think that rarely in these matters as one man owed so little to so few in eight years time he'd still be a younger man than mr ford is today so he may be around there in washington quite a time to come in four years at this two years very actively started without very much money when in all the primaries it's been a feat of physical endurance among other things such as we've rarely seen as open a campaign as we've ever

seen this is a man with a mind of a systems engineer who can parse out his problems and concentrate with enormous intellectual vigor it seems to me in clear-headedness mr ford will be only the third incumbent refused readmittance to the white house in this century it was taft and hoover before him but i would think bill that he would be well remembered by most people because he did take over in a very very difficult time and did not do as badly as most people thought than he would do and i think there will be a good feeling about jerry ford as long as he's around don't you yes he's a man without gal a man who hurt no one seriously in his pursuit of power and his handling of power in politics eric some people are hedgehogs and some people are foxes a hedgehog thinks of one thing a fox thinks of many things well in his pursuit of the nomination and in his pursuit of this election tonight jimmy carter has been a hedgehog he's had one thing on his mind now that he becomes president i suspect he'll be a fox with many things on his mind and that he'll handle them balance them juggle them quite well you have to understand that part of the southern culture from which carter rises that baptist background with its overall conscience to understand what it is that makes carter such a driven individual he has a moral passion and it could get him into trouble but for the moment it's what's made him distinctive after watergate in vietnam

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distinctive after watergate in vietnam he doesn't think the world can be made just but he thinks it can be made less unjust as to what he does when he's president we'll have to wait a time to see but what he has done is set his policy compass we know pretty much what that is he has not set his timetable he has given himself a chance to delay on tax reform government the organization a health program the new unemployment bill welfare reform quite a few things i think he will move firmly but at his own pace and he doesn't have to be hurried because the congress is democratic and he'll do it his way back to you wallet uh we now have for cbs news estimates in washington state and in nevada ford winning both of those states to boost his electoral vote to 121 but it doesn't really matter that much now we're still waiting for jimmy carter the president-elect to arrive at his headquarters a celebration in atlanta uh eric and bill if i can just add a word about what carter is facing now and and the special interest situation you you say it quite correctly eric that he did it on his own but in the last few weeks of the campaign he was making some pledges and some promises and the wall street journal summed them up and i think we we might take a look at that list it noted that uh his pledges to special interest groups of recent weeks to labor jobs health insurance relief from clothing imports aid to the merchant marine recognition of state and local employees bargaining rights the mayors or 100 city mayors are going to meet in chicago any day now very shortly to put together a city aid agenda for the new president mayor beam in new york is going to press for easier repayment and easier loan repayment terms for new

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and easier loan repayment terms for new york city educators eager to cash in on promises of massive boosts in federal education aid farmers an early increase in price supports have promised them consumers groups of aided in the creating of consumer agency and he's promised them to do that truckers want a halt and deregulation so there's an awful lot on his agenda that has come out of his speeches to these various groups in these last few weeks of a very hectic and as we have seen tonight a very narrow campaign a very narrow margin campaign so he's got his work cut out for him and working on that transition now will be the next big item on his agenda after a little rest of course this is walter crown guide at cbs news election headquarters

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